

PAUL BRUCHEZ

Rancher, Reeder Creek Ranch, Kremmling

Paul is the 5th generation of the Bruchez family to farm and ranch in Colorado. He currently operates the family ranch near Kremmling with his brother and father. Paul and his family raise cattle and irrigate with water from the Colorado River, the Williams Fork River and Reeder Creek. After graduating from the University of Denver in 2003, he started a fly fishing business to help diversify income. Working in agriculture and being a fishing guide has given Paul a unique perspective on water resources. Paul is currently spearheading a 12-mile restoration of the Colorado River with 12 landowners collaborating to sustain agriculture and the environmental health of the river. After participating with the Colorado Basin Implementation Plan, he was selected to be the voting Agriculture Representative to the Colorado Basin Roundtable in the spring of 2015. He serves as a Governor appointee to the InterBasin Compact Committee, is on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Water Trust, serves on the Grand County Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Advisory Committee and recently was honored with Water Education Colorado's Emerging Leader award.